

## THE CHIEFTAIN

For the cause that lacks assistance,  
For the wrong that needs resistance,  
For the future in the distance,  
And the good that we can do.

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VINITA, I. T., OCT. 5, 1883.

Seven worms continue to annoy cattle in the vicinity of Fort Gibson.

One or two bridges across Cabin creek would be a public convenience and greatly benefit Vinita.

Let the Councilors-elect make up their minds to organize promptly and go to work. There's plenty to do.

No Council ever had a better chance to do good for the country than the next one. Gentlemen, will you embrace the opportunity.

Creek Council met in annual session at Okmulgee, Tuesday last. Choctaw Council met Monday Oct. 1st.

There was sold in New York Monday 1,250,000 new two-cent stamps. A number somewhat larger than were sold at Vinita.

The Delaware payment, by Col. Tuffis, U. S. Agent, will take place Oct. 8th and 9th, at Chelsea, on St. Louis and San Francisco Railway.

The Spanish fever, so called by some, and the murrain by others, has been quite fatal among several herds of cattle in the Cherokee Nation.

The Cherokee people may as well realize now as hereafter, that their permit and marriage laws are rapidly solving for them the Indian problem.

The fire at Tahlequah seems to have furnished the denizens of that quiet burg a sensation unsurpassed by the historic blaze at Moscow or Chicago.

The Male Seminary at Tahlequah, is reported by a student to be in excellent sanitary condition, with an able faculty and contented and studious youths.

The Presbytery of Neosho, which includes the Indian Territory, met at Neosho Falls, Kan., Tuesday, the 2nd instant. The synod of the Presbyterian Church of Kansas met the 4th instant at Emporia, Kansas.

New locks and keys have been furnished Post offices and are rapidly taking the places of those now in use. The keys are fastened to a brass chain about five feet in length, the end of which is a screw fastened to the inside of a table drawer, to keep them from giving out after the mails. All mail pouches have to be brought to the table to be opened.

The late National Council having disposed of the grazing question west of 96, it will not be amiss for the one to meet in November, to pay some attention to the same subject nearer home. Existing laws should be so amended as to allow law-abiding citizens to keep range with non-citizens to keep stock upon terms of mutual agreement, enforceable by law, or as to reach those who now do it clandestinely. The former course would be the better.

John J. Breakbill, Teacher of the Moore's Colored school, on Grand River, in Delaware District, was in town Saturday. Mr. Breakbill who is himself colored, was educated at Manhattan College, Kansas, has had several years experience as teacher and is rendering satisfactory service in sustaining a flourishing school where he is now employed. By the way, is it not a sharp commentary on our school management that our colored schools after so many years, turned out so very few if any competent teachers of that class of citizens of the Nation?

Indians are not legally allowed to set on U. S. juries, nor to vote, nor to drink whiskey, and now comes Commissioner of Indian Affairs, Price, and says they shall not dance nor practice polygamy. These are pleasures only to be indulged by some of Mr. Price's constituents. The waltz, the lancers, the german and the "can can" are fashionable amusements in civilized circles and, therefore, proper. But for Indians to indulge in similar amusements in their own style in which there is no more reclining of blushing cheeks on heroic bosoms, no more encircling of slender waists by manly arms, no more intermingling of hands and hearts than among the former is so demoralizing as to be suppressed by official authority.

As for polygamy, stop it by all means not only between Indians but between whites in Utah and other places who sometimes abandon families in the states and obtain others among Indians, or reverse his order of proceeding.

### Our School Houses

The weakest place in our school system is our school houses. We leave their building to public charity. We tax the liberal, generous, public spirited men and let the misers go free. To depend solely on subscriptions to build school houses is foolish and suicidal in the extreme. It is unbusiness like and a failure and always will be.

A few years ago we tried to build a school house in Vinita. A number of public spirited men contributed largely to it but after the foundation was built, and all the framing, and part of the other lumber was on the ground the undertaking failed. The liberal citizens of Vinita losing something like \$300. After such an experience sensible men are going to be very slow about taking hold of a similar enterprise again.

We need better school houses. There is not a primary school house in the country but ought to be better. Our children shiver around stoves unable to study, undermining health, destroying vitality. Most of the school houses are dreary, dismal places in winter, some of them having no floors, or chimneys, no seats but puncheons, no windows but cracks. How can we expect the intellect to expand or minds to brighten under such conditions. How can we expect to maintain our integrity as a nation when we thus take care of the coming generation.

A good school house is an educator as much as the spelling book or arithmetic, it educates the taste, and has as much influence in the moulding of character as any other instrumentality in life. Architecture and stationary aid more to embalm the name of Greece in history than their schools. They would never have the material, the minds for the latter if they had not had the former. We never can have schools until we have school houses.

Better school houses are needed for social and religious purposes in every neighborhood, sabbath school preaching, lectures &c are impracticable in many neighborhoods for want of houses.

Better school houses are needed to encourage the children to attend school. If the school is a pleasant healthy place the children will like to go. In nearly all of our schools the attendance is irregular. There is no remedy but better houses and more enjoyable schools.

Better school houses are needed to utilize the enormous expenditure of public money for educational purposes. A large part of our school funds are wasted because of miserable houses. We might easily double the efficiency of all our school money by providing good school houses.

Better school houses are due to our primary schools. We spend money freely and properly on the seminaries &c which are attended by but few of our children, while we do not put a dollar into primary school houses which are attended by every body.

Lastly, better school houses are needed to maintain our standing in the midst of surrounding civilization. By the common consent of the world the school is the index of civilization. And we are no exception. If our civilization justifies our demand to be let alone it must show itself as civilization does every where else. To dot the Cherokee Nation with beautiful, comfortable school houses would be worth more to us than any treaty with congress.

### Items From the Advocate.

Richard M. Wolfe, Cale Starr and Dr. Walker have gone west to locate the third Salt Spring, reserved to the Nation on the outlet west. The first two were located a year since by Messrs Wolfe and D. H. Roca.

The loss caused by the burning of the Fuller stable, the night of the 27th, was about \$3,000, including building, harness, provender and eight horses. The neighboring buildings, including the Capitol and Advocate office were saved with difficulty.

The squad of U. S. cavalry, under Lieut. Webber, sent to aid in necessary in preserving order, returned to Fort Gibson, Sunday.

The per capita allowance paid is \$15.50, 17,547 persons being the number declared to be entitled to draw under the Act of the National Council.

### Rights of Towns.

The Act of the National Council incorporating Fort Gibson and Downingville (Vinita), donated every odd lot unsold, to the town corporation, the terms and for the purposes therein described. This act conveyed a vested right and if repealable, it has never been done in express terms. We believe the conveyance is valid until set aside by competent legislation or judicial action and respectfully invite the Executive authority to examine the subject before executing titles to such lots under sales by the Boards of Town commissioners.

### Reduced Postage.

The Act of Congress, approved March 3, 1883, reducing postage on domestic mail matter of the first class from three to two cents per half ounce or fraction thereof went into operation Monday last, Oct. 1, 1883.

The design for the new two-cent stamp is the head of Washington in profile, from Houdon's bust, placed on a plain tablet; above the head are the words "United States postage," and underneath the tablet are the words "two cents." The stamps are printed in metallic red. The embossed stamp on the envelopes also bear the head of Washington.

The four cent stamps will bear the head of Jackson the same as now are on the two-cent stamps. Two and three cent stamps and envelopes of the present design will remain good and be accepted in payment of postage whenever offered in appropriate amounts. No other changes are made in the present rates of postage.

The Stock Associations of the Territory will do well to consider the following suggestions from a correspondent, whose letter was received too late for insertion in our last issue:

### EAST ST. LOUIS.

It seems your stock association should be represented on this market. Four associations are now represented, viz., the Pan Handle stock association, of Texas, and the Western Kansas cattle growers association, both by J. R. Plummer. The Northwestern cattle raisers association, of Texas, is represented by C. R. White and the Cherokee Strip by B. F. Windham. These men are as well acquainted with the various brands, as we are with the alphabet. Any one shipping cattle not in their brand must show title or they are at once cut out and sold for the owner of the brand. The amount saved to owners in one day last year was sixty-four head. This year twenty-five to thirty is about all that have been saved to owners, showing the stealings to be light in comparison with former years.

Last week cattle came in with the following brands: L. S., right hip and counter branded L. S., with swallow fork on right ear and underbit in left. The owner of such a brand would do well to correspond with the agent here of the Pan Handle Association.

Any one will readily see the benefit derived by having an agent here, and your association could readily employ one of the above agents, if they did not want to employ a separate agent. These detectives are sent here about the first of June and are recalled at the close of the run on Texas and Indian cattle.

Again, brands of different associations are sometimes similar. For instance, C. Rath has C. R. on left side and left horn. C. V. Rogers has C. R. twice on left side, with crop and split left ear, under-slope right, dewlap hanging down. While letters are same the other distinctive features are quite different. We refer to these matters as we believe them of interest to all stock growers, and the CHIEFTAIN as a representative paper is calculated to spread the news.

### Two Ways of Looking at Things.

Two boys went to hunt grapes. One was happy because he found grapes. The other was unhappy because the grapes had seeds in them.

Two men being convalescent were asked how they were. One said: "I am better to day." The other said: "I was worse yesterday."

When it rains, one man says: "This will make mud." Another says, "This will lay the dust."

Two children looking through colored glass; one said: "The world is blue." And the other said: "It is bright."

Two boys eating their dinner; one said: "I would rather have something other than this." The other said: "This is better than nothing."

A servant thinks a man's house is principally kitchen. A guest, that it is principally parlor.

"I am sorry that I live," says one man. "I am sorry I must die," says another.

One man spoils a good repast by thinking of the better repast of another. And another enjoys a poor repast by contrasting it with none at all.

"I am glad that it is no worse," says one. "I am sorry that it is no better," says another.

One man is thankful for his blessings; another is morose for his misfortunes.

One man thinks he is entitled to a better world and is dissatisfied because he has not got it. Another thinks he is not justly entitled to any, and is satisfied with this.

One man makes up his accounts from his wants, another from his assets.

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JESSE B. MAYES.



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Hog marks—underbit in each ear, crop off of left ear. Cattle branded on left hip and shoulder. RANGE—Cabin Creek.

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